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Schedule IV Controlled Substances Reported to CURES

Legislation enacted in the 2005-2006 Session

Effective January 1, 2007 AB 2986 (Mullin) Chapter 286 amends California Security Prescription adding the requirement for reporting controlled substance prescription to the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) was extended to include Schedule IV drugs. Prescriptions for controlled substances in Schedule II, III, and IV must now be reported to the Department of Justice on a weekly basis.

There have been changes to the security prescription form that requires:

- Full name, address, and telephone number of the ultimate user (patient), research subject or contact information as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the gender and date of birth of the ultimate user;
- Number of refills ordered;
- Whether the drug was dispensed as a refill or as a first-time fill from a prescription; and
- Date of origin of the prescription.

All pharmacies will be modifying their software to accommodate these changes as soon as possible--- adding Schedule IV drugs to the CURES reporting system, and submitting data weekly. **The Pharmacy Board expects prescribers to use new security forms that include the additional data elements on the prescription.**

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